

State of Illinois Supreme Court

At a Term of the Supreme Court, begun and held in Springfield, on Monday, the 9th day of November, 2015.

Present: Rita B. Garman, Chief Justice

Justice Charles E. Freeman

Justice Robert R. Thomas

Justice Thomas L. Kilbride

Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier

Justice Anne M. Burke

Justice Mary Jane Theis

M.R. 785(13)

In re: Judicial Conference of Illinois
Civil Justice Committee

Order

Effective January 1, 2016, the following members of the Judicial Conference are appointed to the Civil Justice Committee for terms expiring December 31, 2016, or until an appointee is no longer a member of the Judicial Conference, whichever occurs earlier:

Hon. Larry Axelrood
Circuit Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
50 W. Washington St., Rm 2005
Chicago, IL 60602

Hon. James A. Knecht
Presiding Judge
Fourth District Appellate Court
318 W. Washington
Bloomington, IL 61701

Hon. Clark E. Erickson
Circuit Judge
Twenty-First Judicial Circuit
Kankakee County Courthouse
450 E. Court Street
Kankakee, IL 60901

Hon. Christopher E. Lawler
Circuit Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
16501 S. Kedzie Pkwy, Room 204Q
Markham, IL 60428

Hon. Douglas L. Jarman
Circuit Judge
Fourth Judicial Circuit
Montgomery County Courthouse
120 N. Main Street
Hillsboro, IL 62049

Effective January 1, 2016, the following members of the Judicial Conference are reappointed to the Civil Justice Committee for terms expiring December 31, 2016, or until an appointee is no longer a member of the Judicial Conference, whichever occurs earlier:

Hon. Dinah J. Archambeault
Associate Judge
Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Will County Courthouse
14 W. Jefferson
Joliet, IL 60432

Hon. Eugene P. Daugherty
Circuit Judge
Thirteenth Judicial Circuit
LaSalle County Courthouse
119 W. Madison St., Rm 300
Ottawa, IL 61350

Hon. Mark A. Drummond
Circuit Judge
Eighth Judicial Circuit
Adams County Courthouse
521 Vermont Street
Quincy, IL 62301

Hon. Lynn M. Egan
Circuit Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
50 W. Washington, #1904
Chicago, IL 60602

Hon. Paul M. Fullerton
Circuit Judge
Eighteenth Judicial Circuit
DuPage County Courthouse
505 N. County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187

Hon. Diane J. Larsen
Circuit Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
50 W. Washington St. #2405
Chicago, IL 60602

Hon. Terrence J. Lavin
Appellate Judge
First District Appellate Court
160 N. LaSalle Street, N1709
Chicago, IL 60601

Hon. LeRoy K. Martin, Jr.
Circuit Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
50 W. Washington St., #2008
Chicago, IL 60602

Hon. Joseph G. McGraw
Chief Judge
Seventeenth Judicial Circuit
Winnebago County Courthouse
400 W. State St., 2nd Fl., Rm 215
Rockford, IL 61101

Hon. Melissa A. Morgan
Circuit Judge
Second Judicial Circuit
Franklin County Courthouse
P.O. Box 485
Benton, IL 62812

Hon. William A. Mudge
Circuit Judge
Third Judicial Circuit
Madison County Courthouse
155 N. Main St., #304
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Hon. Barbara N. Petrunaro
Circuit Judge
Twelfth Judicial Circuit
57 N. Ottawa St., Ste. A119
Joliet, IL 60432

Hon. Lorna E. Propes
Circuit Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
50 W. Washington St., Ste 1606
Chicago, IL 60602

Hon. Christopher C. Starck
Circuit Judge
Nineteenth Judicial Circuit
Lake County Courthouse
18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085

Hon. Bradley J. Waller
Circuit Judge
Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit
DeKalb County Courthouse
133 W. State St.,
Sycamore, Illinois 60178

Hon. Thaddeus L. Wilson
Circuit Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
2600 S. California Ave., Rm 303
Chicago, IL 60608

Effective January 1, 2016, the following judge is reappointed as an Advisor to the Civil Justice Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2016:

Hon. Michael J. Sullivan
Chief Judge
Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit
McHenry County Courthouse
2200 N. Seminary Ave.
Woodstock, IL 60098

Effective January 1, 2016, the Honorable Dinah J. Archambeault and the Honorable Barbara N. Petrungaro are reappointed co-chairpersons for a term expiring December 31, 2016.

Order entered by the Court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of
said Court this 31st day of December, 2015.



Carolyn Taft Gussball

Clerk,
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois

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Illinois Judicial Conference Civil Justice Committee

CONFERENCE YEAR 2016

Statement of Purpose:

To advise the Judicial Conference in matters affecting civil justice.

General Charge:

The Committee shall review and make recommendations on matters affecting civil justice. The Committee will review, analyze and examine new issues arising out of legislation and case law that impact civil law and procedures and any aspect of civil justice.

Conference Year 2016 Projects/Priorities:

- Distribution of the proposed questionnaires for attorneys, jurors and judges to assess ways to improve the juror deliberative process and to evaluate the use and effectiveness of jury instructions before, during and after the presentation of evidence. Compile results and consider further action to improve the civil jury trial system.
- Develop rules for class action cases.
- Re-examine our discovery rules to consider (1) adopting a mandatory disclosure requirement similar to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26 and (2) eliminating the discovery deposition.
- Explore the elimination of expert witness depositions.
- Promote remote access for status and simple court matters.
- Provide template language for circuit court websites with legal information and videos to explain basic procedures.
- Study, examine and report on Supreme Court Rules as they relate to civil procedure and court processes.
- Undertake any such other projects or initiatives that are consistent with the Committee charge.